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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20423



Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 238X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Buchanan County, VA – Consent to Extension of NITU and Request to Extend Consummation Deadline Date

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the Board's issuance of a 180-day extension (to February 24, 2007) of the trail use negotiation period that has been requested by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors.

NSR requests that the consummation date deadline be extended to 60 days after the expiration date of the extended trail use negotiation period.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

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